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SUBJ : NEW CAPITAL: ABUJA FIELD BASE CRASH PROGRAM

SUMMARY: ARCHITECT RETAINED BY CDA URGENTLY SEEKING EXAMINE
PREFABRICATED BUILDING SYSTEMS WHICH CAN BE USED TO BUILD NEW
CAPITAL FIELD BASE AT ABUJA BY NEXT MARCH. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DTD OCT. 19 FROM GODWIN
AND HOPWOOD, 27 BOYLE STREET,P.O. BOX 2148, LAGOS, TELEPHONE
51690/1, CABLE GODWOOD LAGOS: QTE WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BY
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE FOR NEW FEDERAL CAPITAL
TO ADVISE ON SUITABILITY OF VARIOUS PREFABRIACTED
INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING SYSTEMS FOR THE ADVANCED FIELD BASE
AT ABUJA. AS YOU MAY HAVE READ IN PRESS, THIS WILL CONSIST
OF APPROXIMATELY 100 HOUSES, SOCIAL BUILDINGS, OFFICES, ETC.
WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY
AVAILABLE IN YOUR OFFICE, FROM MANUFACTURERS OF BUILDING SYSTEMS,
WHICH ARE LIGHT WEIGHT, AND BASED ON STEEL OR ALUMINUM
CONSTRUCTION. UNQTE.

2. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY DELIVERED BROCHURES ON HAND FOR BALL,
PARKLINE, JO-ART, PASCOE, BENDIX, MEZZULLO-COLLYER AND
RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING FOR WHICH BROCHURES UNAVAILABLE:
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AEROMARITIME, A AND S, IHL, LEVITT, PUREWAY. EMBASSY
CONTACTING LATTER FIRMS TO PRESENT OWN MATERIAL TO GODWIN AND
HOPWOOD(ALTHOUGH FIRM HAD ALREADY CONTACTED PUREWAY DIRECTLY).

3. MR. D.F. KEMP OF THE FIRM ADVISED THAT THE PROJECT MANAGER,
NORMAN WHICHELOE, IS IN UK LOOKING AT SYSTEMS AND RETURNS NOV. 8,
AFTER WHICH HE WILLING ENTERTAIN PRESENTATIONS FOR BRIEF PERIOD.

INTERESTED FIRMS MAY ALSO PICK UP SPECIFICATIONS FROM KEMP OR WHICHELOE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: FIRMS UNFAMILIAR WITH NIGERIA HAVE NO CHANCE IN THIS PROJECT AND FIRMS WITHOUT SOME PRESENCE HERE HAVE VERY SLIM CHANCE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED BRING OPPORTUNITY TO ATTENTION FOLLOWING FIRMS BY TELEPHONE: AEROMARITIME, ROBERT ASHER, IN WASHINGTON PHONE BOOK; INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CORP. (LEVITT), EDWARD CORTESE, 516 621-1800; PANELFAB INTERNATIONAL CORP., M.H. SHORAGO, 305 871-2100. IF INTERESTED, THEY SHOULD INSTRUCT LOCAL AGENTS DIRECTLY OR, IF VISIT NIGERIA NEXT FEW WEEKS, MAKE OWN PRESENTATION TO GODWIN AND HOPWOOD. NORMAN WHICHELOE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE LOCATED IN ENGLAND PRIOR NOV. 8 THROUGH WHICHELOE MACFARLANE PARTNERSHIP, LONDON.

5. KADUNA: ADVISE IHL TO CONTACT FIRM IN KADUNA OR LAGOS IF INTERESTED. (WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE SO FAR TO SEE FHA ABOUT IHL PROBLEM BUT EXPECT TO NEXT WEEK.)

6. BACKGROUND: NEW CAPITAL FIELD BASE ORIGINALLY GIVEN TO IBADAN FIRM TO DESIGN AS FIRST PERMANENT STRUCTURES WITHIN TERRITORY. CONTRACT HAS BEEN TERMINATED AND DECISION TAKEN RECENTLY TO BUILD BASE AT ABUJA ON CRASH BASIS FOR MARCH OCCUPANCY. BASE WILL BE SMALL VILLAGE WITH OWN HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, ETC. VALUE POSSIBLY DOLS 20 MILLION. WE HAD HEARD UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THIS PROJECT WAS ALREADY PROMISED BUT EVIDENTLY THAT WAS INCORRECT OR HAS CHANGED.
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